

CROWS NO MORE! PROJECT

Activity Report – September 2025, Eric Kinoti, Colin Jackson

Summary

September brought in the full actualisation of the guerrilla baiting in Kilifi and Malindi. The Malindi motorbike is now fully operational. Vivian Wallis, a talented artist in Malindi, used her talent to raise funds for Crows No More. The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW) more widely known as the Giraffe Centre have funded CNM with Ksh 5.5 million to focus on the areas where there are few stakeholders who have the capacity to fund the work such as Kaloleni and along the Mombasa-Nairobi road. Six Barn Owls were sent to Nairobi for flight lessons and also spent time with more of their own kind. We received good news of a sighting in Arabuko-Sokoke of the Southern Banded Snake Eagle rescued and released last year.

9,285

**Total number of House
Crows killed during the
month of September
2025 bring the grand
total to 67,706**

Crows No More - Poisoning

September brought in a break from a prolonged rainy season; the end of the rains marks the start of the crow breeding season. We needed to change our strategy, as the crow behaviour during this time changes from the normal communal roosting at shopping centres to roosting in the hinterland where they breed. This also means that many change their feeding locations to those near the nests to be able to take care of the hatchlings. Breeding pairs pair up and are sometimes joined in by the young from the last brood that act as 'helpers'.



Ziro, our field officer in Malindi with a motorbike donated by John Kithinji.

A motorbike donated by one of our sponsors in Malindi, John Kithinji, is now fully operational and will be used by Ziro to conduct guerrilla poisoning around Malindi and further afield. Having a motorbike means we can reach and poison crow concentrations farther away which otherwise get missed such as Kijiwetanga, Kakuyuni, Madunguni and Gongoni. This takes care of the area north of Msabaha up to which the Watamu field officer, Tune, is focussing on. His territory is 'greater' Watamu which includes Gede and extends south to Matsongoni and north to Msabaha. Below is a list of crow numbers killed by location.

Our CNM dashboard that gives the number of crows killed to date etc is available and updated weekly. Please take your time to visit and see a more in-depth analysis

of the programme and its current status. We also appreciate and welcome your feedback and comments as we continue to better your understanding of our operations as the CNM and its team.

Click on this link: <https://arochakenya.shinyapps.io/crownomoreview/>

For further information about the Crows No More project and how it works, visit [our website](https://www.arocha.or.ke/crows-no-more-project/) to learn more about it. We also explain how the Starlicide poison works etc c.f. <https://www.arocha.or.ke/crows-no-more-project/>.

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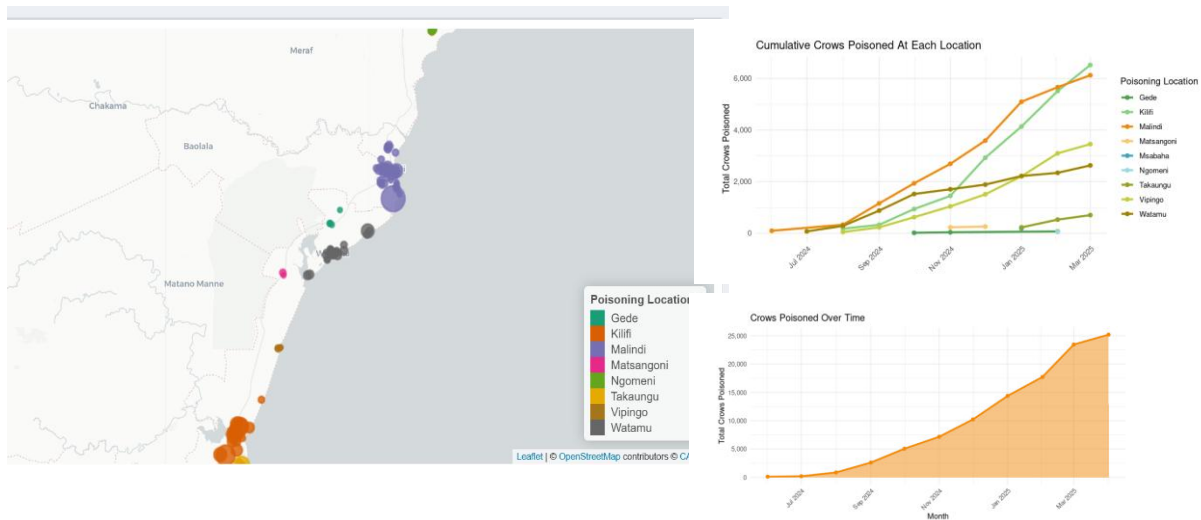
Support for Crows No More!

Vivien Wallis is a very talented artist living between Malindi and Nairobi. Having seen the havoc wreaked by House Crows, Vivien painted 25-30 paintings to sell on behalf of the CNM project. On 27th September her exhibition opened at the One Off Contemporary Art Gallery in Nairobi where it was to be exhibited for a month. You can follow the link below to see more of her artwork – please help support Crows No More! by buying a piece or making a donation.

Click the link <https://www.oneoffcontemporaryartgallery.com/vivien-wallis---predator-or-victim.html>



Some of the art by Vivian Wallis



Left: Map showing locations where poisoning has been done, the circle size indicates the number of crows killed at that point. On the website you can zoom in to see more detail of where specific poisoning sites are located. **Top right:** Graph showing progress of locations. **Bottom right:** Cumulative poisoning results for total project



Fundraising and accounting

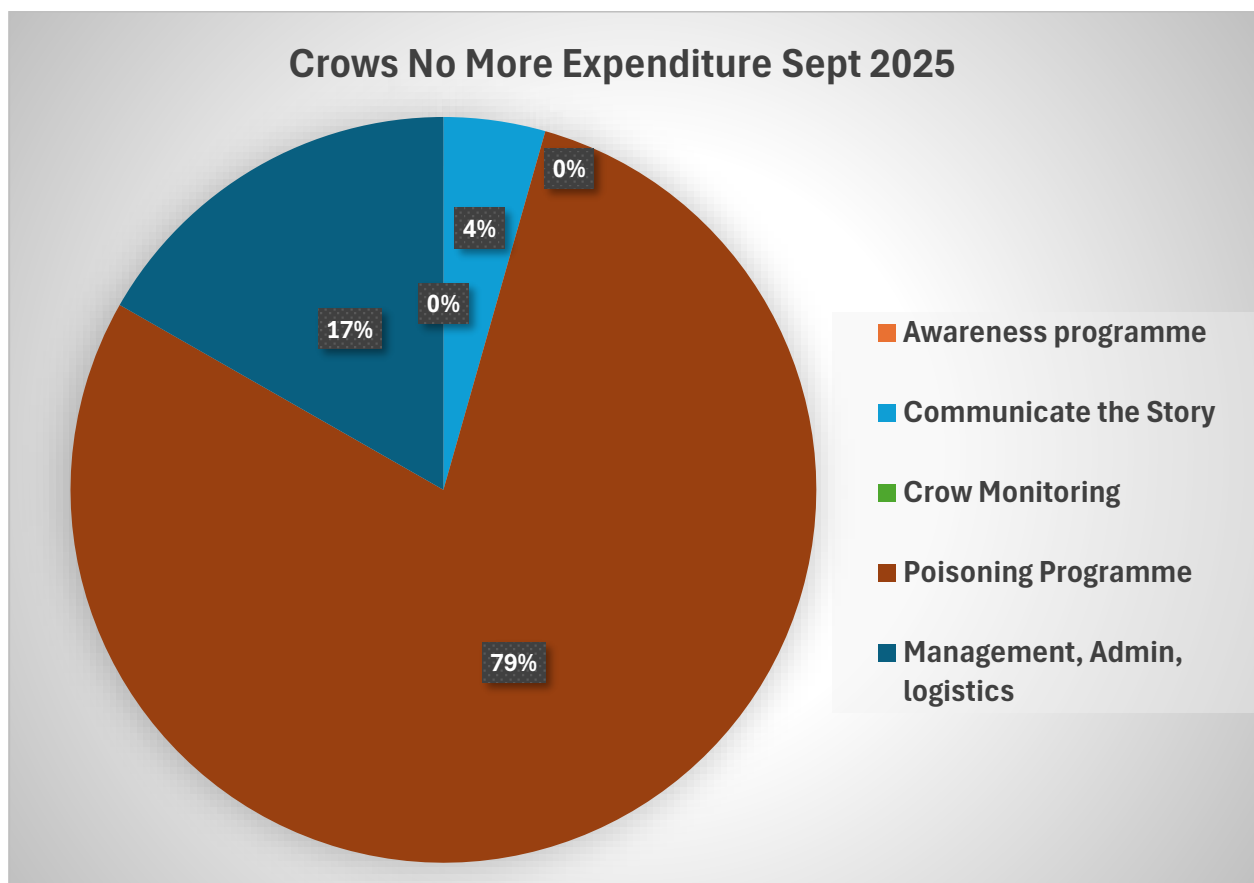
A highly unique factor of Crows No More! is that it has been 100% funded by you – people on the ground who care about this menace and the need to rid Kenya of it. As always, we are very grateful to our supporters, who have continued to have confidence in *Crows No More!* In **September**, we raised a total of **KSH 291,000**. THANK YOU! This allows us to cover four staff and cover basic transport costs and is amazing. However, we ideally need nearer to **Ksh 490,000** to work at full throttle and if we are to do it as widely and effectively as possible. We continue to encourage all and everyone to consider a regular monthly donation to enable the work to expand.

If you are able, please help by making a regular, committed donation such as a number of hotels and some individuals are doing. If we could get another **30-40 individuals** and **10-15**

hotels or businesses to commit to between **Ksh 2,000** and **Ksh 10,000** per month, we would be able to expand and really hit the crows hard.

The additional great news was receiving a grant of Ksh 5.5 million from AFEW (Giraffe Centre). This will be a game changer as firstly it will allow us to purchase a Probox to transport poison and bait up and down the coast and also as we move into the wider area of crow distribution inland of Mombasa such as Mariakani and up the Mombasa – Nairobi main highway. These areas either have very high numbers of crows or, as with the smaller populations along the Nairobi road, are expanding into Tsavo national park and urgently need controlling.

However, these areas do not have many hotels and businesses which have the capacity or interest to fund the eradication. Raising support from local stakeholders for these sites is extremely difficult, hence why having the AFEW grant will enable us to now hit these areas and significantly reduce the crows. This, in turn, will impact the overall population of crows that would otherwise filter back into the Vipingo / Mtwapa / Mombasa area as numbers are reduced there.





PLEASE JOIN US!

Help us Get Rid of the Crows – donate:

All funds are handled by [A Rocha Kenya](#)

1) Direct Mpesa donations can be received by A Rocha Kenya:

Paybill: 303030 (ABSA bank)

Acc: 0121008254

IMPORTANT: Please send the M-pesa sms confirmation to the project coordinator, Eric Kinoti **+254 718 422487** so we can track all income.

Better still set up a **standing order** direct debit with [M-Ratiba](#) is an add-on for M-Pesa. With M-Ratiba you can set up a **standing order direct donation** to any given account. Read more here <https://www.safaricom.co.ke/media-center-landing/frequently-asked-questions/m-pesa-ratiba>

2) Bank details for direct / online donations to Crows No More! project:

Bank Name: Absa Bank Kenya

Branch Name: Malindi

Account Name: A Rocha Kenya Mwamba Centre

Account Number: 0121008254

Please make sure that you **include a reference** for 'Crows No More'

Please also have proof of payment emailed to accounts.kenya@arocha.org and crowsnomore@arocha.org so that we can keep track of all donations.

THANK YOU for your support!

Wild Bird Rehabilitation

This month, six Barn Owls that were being rehabilitated in the Watamu facility were taken to Nairobi for flying lessons as well as hunting and training in a bigger pen as our pens here in Watamu are not very accommodating in terms of bigger space. We'll hopefully give updates as to their progress.

Fun Fact about Barn Owls

How can you tell if a Barn Owl is male or female?

It is almost impossible to tell if a Barn Owl is male or female just seeing it fly overhead. However, a close look may give you a clue. Females often have darker brown feathers around the rim of the facial disc as well as darker bars on the tail and small black spots on the chest and underside of the wings. Males are generally lighter and a purer white underneath. Females are slightly heavier than males at around 360g (males usually weigh around 330g), although during the early breeding season, females may weigh as much as 425g before egg laying.

We also had a great sighting this month of the Southern Banded Snake Eagle we released last year and who we called Ngala. He was our first patient in the rehab and was rescued from Gede from the brink of starvation when he fell into a septic tank, having become weak from a broken bill. It was later transported to Soysambu and operated on under the team of Kenya Birds of Prey, headed by Simon Thomsett. Ngala was recently seen in Arabuko-Sokoke one year later, thanks to the satellite tag he was released with. All signs show, he is healthy and even breeding. A successful rehabilitation from the Watamu Team.



The Southern Banded Snake Eagle when it was rescued and when it was seen in Arabuko Sokoke Forest